Sale price of crude oil

†3749. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale price of crude oil produced in the country has been determined at par with the prevailing price of crude oil in the international market;

(b) if so, the respective price of existing crude oil being paid by oil refineries; and

(c) the reasons for keeping the sale price of crude oil produced in the country at par with the price of international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (c) The Government have decided that with effect from 01.04.2002, the price of indegenous crude oil will be market determined.

(b) The prices paid by the oil refineries for the indigenous crude during March, 2002 varied in the range of Rs. 7042.30 per MT to Rs. 8509.14 per MT.

Production of CNG

†3750. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the annual quantity of CNG production in the country;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of production and the quantity of CNG out of the above distributed for use in different areas;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CNG is also being provided to many industrial institutions for their use; and

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.